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BENZODIAZEPINE RECEPTORS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as described below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1 - 11 and substitute therefore the following
claims 12 - 15. For the Examiner's convenience a clean set of the
following claims is transmitted herewith.

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12. A pharmaceutical composition for use as an inhibitor of
membrane expression of a benzodiazepine receptor, an inhibitor of
glucocorticoid release, or as an elevator of ACTH levels, said
composition comprising a physiologically tolerable ginkgolide
together with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or
excipient, wherein said ginkgolide is comprises a compound
according to formula I: